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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC DISCOVERY OF LOGICAL LINKS BETWEEN NETWORK DEVICES

App. No.: 10/029,123

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Examiner: Tran, Phuc H

Group Art Unit: 2666

Atty. Dkt. No. 1400.1374880

Mail Stop Petition  
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and MPEP § 711.03(c), Applicant petitions the Director to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on evidence that a reply was timely mailed or filed.

MPEP § 711.03(c) states, in part, "applicants may establish that a reply was filed with a postcard receipt that properly identifies the reply and provides *prima facie* evidence that the reply was timely filed" and further states, "For example, if the application has been held abandoned for failure to file a reply to a first Office action, and applicant has a postcard receipt showing that an amendment was timely filed in response to the Office action, then the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn upon the filing of a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment." Applicant submits herewith a copy of such a postcard receipt showing receipt of the timely-filed reply by the Patent and Trademark Office on March 13, 2006.

Moreover, Applicant notes the reply was scanned by the Office and is accessible via the private PAIR system, with the private PAIR system also showing a receipt date of March 13, 2006. Applicant further notes the certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 included with the reply shows a date of mailing of March 7, 2006, which Applicant notes is within the statutory reply period for the Office

action. Applicant notes the certificate of mailing is also accessible via the private PAIR system, and Applicant encloses a copy herewith.

Applicant notes the Notice of Abandonment dated March 16, 2006, states "No reply has been received." As Applicant submits the Office's records show the receipt of a timely mailed reply on March 13, 2006, Applicant submits the stated basis for issuing the Notice of Abandonment is false. Thus, Applicant submits the holding of abandonment should properly be withdrawn.


Applicant submits Applicant has not intentionally delayed the filing of this petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Thus, Applicant submits, as the present application was filed on or after May 29, 2000, pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c), the Office should not dismiss this petition as untimely.

Pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c), "such petition does not require a fee." However, should the Director determine that a fee is required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1566.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ Fee Transmittal w/Check #2757 (2 pgs.)
- ☒ Response/Amendment to Non-Final Office Action (18 pgs.)
- ☒ 6 Sheets of Drawings (6 pgs.)
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (1 pg.)

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